

# Saddleback Valley News

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## Out with the old, in with the new at The Orchard

What stores would you like at The Orchard?



"Of course, we could always do with more theaters. It'll be great to have a super store. I like to go to into the one-stop shopping stores."

WENDY HOBSON  
RETIRED



"Bring in a Trader Joe's or a health-food store. A movie theater because they've got to go to the Irvine Spectrum. An accessible bank of some sort."

MEGAN STILWELL  
EVENT PLANNER



"Bring in some good restaurants - Mexican, seafood or sushi."

BEN WRIGHT  
SALES REPRESENTATIVE



DOMINIQUE RILEY, FOR THE NEWS

**LET'S ROLL:** Lake Forest City Manager Bob Dunek, Mayor Peter Herzog, Westrust President Charlie Smith, Lake Forest City Council Members Mark Tettermer, Marcia Rudolph and Kathryn McCullough, and Westrust Director of Development Scott Lorenz officiate at a ceremony.

### • 1968

Saddleback Valley Plaza opens on El Toro Road.

### • November 2004

Demolition to redevelop Saddleback Plaza - renamed The Orchard at Saddleback - begins

### • April 29, 2005

Lake Forest and Westrust officials, owners of The Orchard shopping center, break ground.

### • September 2005

The first phase of the project should be complete. Stores are expected to open

### • Fall 2006

Construction of the 279,000-square-foot plaza is expected to be completed.

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## AT THE ORCHARD

### WHAT SHOPPERS WANT

HomeGoods, Shoe Pavilion and PetsMart have signed on as tenants at The Orchard at Saddleback now under construction in Lake Forest.

As building continues at the former Saddleback Valley Plaza, customers who have frequented the 279,000 square-foot retail center on El Toro Road said they would like to see a Wal-Mart or the return of a movie theater.

Restaurants and other stores are in negotiations with Westrust officials, owners of the Orchard shopping center, Westrust President Charlie Smith said.

By Rita Freeman/The News

### VOICES

**"A Wal-Mart would be the best option. That would bring in a lot of business."**



SARAH LEE  
GOODWILL STORE  
VOLUNTEER  
COLLEGE STUDENT

**"If they have an Outback or a Claim Jumper, they'll have people down**



**here all the time. "**

GUILLERMO MEDINA  
COLLEGE STUDENT

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